

## CAMP CONTRACTS WERE GIVEN BIG FIRMS ONLY

### Subcommittee of Senate Investigating Charges Made by Smaller Concerns.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The subcommittee of the senate military affairs committee, of which Senator Kenneth D. Kellar, of Tennessee, is chairman, has begun an investigation of the letting of contracts by the emergency construction committee of the war industries board.

The investigation concerns Col. W. A. Starrett, chairman of that committee; the George A. Fuller company, of which his brother, Paul Starrett, was president up to two months ago; the Thompson-Starrett company, of which Col. Starrett is president, and two or three other contracting companies that have been awarded vast building contracts at army camps in this country and France.

Members of the senate have been told that the George A. Fuller company and the Thompson-Starrett company have made more than a hundred million dollars out of government contracts.

Senator McKellar, who presented in the senate July 17, 1917, against the system of awarding the construction contracts, has been furnished with information that he thinks justifies an investigation.

The Starrett company, as it is known to contractors throughout the nation, is composed of Col. Starrett, Maj. Foster and John Douglas. Senator McKellar has been informed that Maj. Foster is a brother-in-law of Col. Starrett.

In a letter to Mr. McKellar July 14, 1917, R. H. Williams, assistant director of the Council of National Defense, said that Col. Starrett was a brother of the president of the George A. Fuller company.

"W. A. Starrett, chairman of the emergency construction committee, used to be a member of the Thompson-Starrett company. He says he sold his interest about four years ago and is not now connected with the company but he never said anything at all about it," says a brother who is president of the George A. Fuller company, to which another big contract was let.

Within the last few weeks contractors from a dozen or more states have complained to representatives in congress they were being thrown out of work by the Starrett committee. Congressmen from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and western states have been appealed to.

Mr. Hann, who appeared before the McKellar committee, turned over to the chairman facts about army construction work in the south. He charged that he was about to be turned out at Camp Jackson, after making a record approved by the war department, and that the Starrett committee is putting him out to give the contract to one of the big construction corporations.

"There is no question of money," Mr. Hann told Senator McKellar today. "I have tendered a letter from the Palmetto National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., to the Starrett committee, whereby they have agreed to assist me in financing a job to the extent of \$20,000,000."

"By retaining the present organization, which has 4,000 men at its back and call, the government will eliminate the cost of reorganizing, which would be about \$200,000."

"I have no desire to do any one an injustice," said Senator McKellar today, "but the reports as to the failure of independent contractors to get contracts from the Starrett committee should be investigated. The atmosphere should be cleared. It is not fair to the war department to let damaging reports as to favoritism in giving out construction contracts to continue to circulate."

## TEXTILE OPERATIVES RETURN TO WORK

### Soldiers Remain in Columbus Because Car Strike Has Not Ended.

Columbus, Ga., Aug. 22.—The striking operatives of the Swift Spinning mill are back at work today after reaching a general agreement with their employers. They were the only textile workers that had struck.

The strike of the street car men continues without any developments today. Soldiers are still on duty, but it is expected they will be recalled shortly.

## NEWSPAPER DEMANDS OPEN DISCUSSION

People, It Claims, Have Right to Know of Political and Economic Conditions.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Frankfurter Gazette, probably the most influential newspaper in Germany, editorially demands the frankest and most open discussion in the Reichstag of the internal political conditions in Germany.

## VICTORY IS OURS DECLARES PINCHON

Paris, Aug. 22.—"Victory is at our doors. You must help achieve it and not be dismayed by any appeal the enemy will make to your sentiments of goodness, which he calls weakness," declared Foreign Minister Pinchon in an address before the inter-allied women's convention. "Victory must be complete. With your help it will be."

If women had not been firm in preaching conscription in America and England and so intrepid in the defense of France, declared the foreign minister, the moral force of victory would have been lacking.

"Be brave. Keep on with your work and help create a new world for you and your children to live in," was the substance of a message Premier Lloyd George sent the women delegates.

## VARDAMAN'S OPPONENT LEADS BY 5,000 VOTES

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 22.—Official returns from Mississippi's congressional primary of Tuesday, including the soldier vote, came in slowly this morning. Indications are that the majority of B. Pat Harrison, who has apparently been elected to the United States senate to succeed James K. Vardaman, will be between 5,000 and 7,000. The votes of the soldiers are not being reported separately, but are placed in official returns from the counties.

## TEN SHIPS ADDED TO MERCHANT MARINE

Washington, Aug. 22.—Ten ships, with a total dead weight tonnage of \$1,700, were added to the American merchant marine in the week ending Aug. 15, the shipping board today announced. Seven of the ships were steel and three wood. Eight steel vessels and two wooden ships, with a total tonnage of \$1,550, were launched during the week.

## TRAMWAY AND "BUS" STRIKE MAY SOON END

London, Aug. 21.—There are good

prospects for ending the tramway and "bus drivers' strike on Friday. A conference lasting nearly five hours was held this afternoon and the parties to the controversy reached an approximate settlement on the basis of equal pay for men and women workers and no discrimination between them. The terms will be submitted to the unions.

## LONDON, TOO, MUST "WALK OR FIGHT"

### Strike Conductorettes Spreads to Buses and Trams—Tubes Packed to Suffocation.

London.—(Copyright, N. Y. World.)—The strike the conductorettes started for the five shillings a week bonus paid for doing the same work has grown so that today London was business, traffic and threatened with being tubeless unless a settlement is reached quickly. The public suffered indescribable inconveniences, for the underground and the tubes were so frightfully congested that traveling was only possible at the risk of suffocation.

The munition workers who depended on trams and buses were hours late at the factories.

The difficulty in getting about is interfering not only with the war work but with every sort of business industry. There is a general feeling that the conductorettes have an equitable claim on the bonus, but that the dispute might have been settled without causing all this public upset if they had proceeded less abruptly. They acted in disregard of the advice of their trade union leaders, as the men also have lately, in several important instances.

## DOUBLE MURDER OCCURS AT PERTH AMBOY

### Arthur L. Kupser and Miss Eva Janny Shot While Auto Riding.

Rahway, N. J., Aug. 22.—Arthur L. Kupser, superintendent of the Perth Amboy cigar factory, and Miss Eva Janny, both of Perth Amboy, N. J., were murdered here early today, according to the police. Kupser died from a bullet near his heart. Miss Janny was shot through the back of the head. Both bodies were found in the street near an automobile in which they were riding. The authorities have absolutely no clue.

## COMMERCIAL TREATY TO BE NEW KNIFE TO GERMANY

### Sending of Supplies Cut Down by Agreement of Entente Allies With Sweden.

New York, Aug. 22.—Terms of the commercial treaty recently signed by the entente allies and Sweden, and which is expected to diminish the sending of supplies to Germany, were made public here today by Axel R. Nordvall, head of the special commission of the Swedish government to the United States. It gives to the allies 400,000 tons of deadweight shipping and 2,000,000 tons of Swedish iron ore.

Sweden also agrees to license the export to the allied governments of wood pulp, paper, iron, steel, etc., and to grant to the allies suitable credit in Sweden for the purchase of Swedish goods during the continuance of the present unfavorable monetary exchange.

The Stockholm government, according to Mr. Nordvall, has given satisfaction to Sweden from allied countries or any nations whose shipping the allies control, will be exported to any

## PUSHING THEM BACK



Fig. 1 is the Lys salient; Fig. 2 the Somme salient, in both of which the allies are forcing the Germans back toward the old Hindenburg line, shown by the broken line.

of the central powers.

In exchange for these commodities facilities and guarantees, the allies have agreed to ship to Sweden bread, cereals, coal and coke, mineral and edible oils, sugar, rubber and rubber goods, cotton and cotton goods, hides, leather and tanning material, coffee, cocoa, tobacco, copper, ferro-alloys, tin, tinplate, nitrate of soda, raw phosphates, sulphur, and other goods and materials necessary for Sweden's economic life."

## MYERS PICKED FOR BOARD MEMBER

### Republican Members of Primary Committee Declared Nominees of Party.

Nashville, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The republican state executive committee endorsed Newton C. Myers, of Greene county, for the position on the state board of election commissioners, to succeed the late Gen. J. R. Penland, of Knoxville. The republican members of the primary committee also declared the nominees of the party.

## MASTERY OF AIR PASSES TO ALLIES

### Germans Admit Allied Machines Constantly Harass Concentration Points.

Paris, Aug. 22.—Proof continues to pile up daily showing that mastery of the air on the western battle front has definitely passed to the allies.

Complaints from German troops against the allied superiority in the air are growing more frequent, dispatches from Switzerland said today. The German troops declare that allied machines are over them almost constantly, firing upon them with machine guns and bombing them at concentration points.

The Germans admit the scarcity of their own machines. They declare that the allied machines, by always working in conjunction with the allied infantry, have played an important role in the recent allied victories.

## AMERICAN CANDOR ENVIED IN LONDON

### Telling Germans What to Expect in the Way of Air Raids Might Be of Assistance.

London.—(Copyright, N. Y. World.)—The American war administration's policy of letting the Germans know what they must expect meets with the warmest approval here, and the World's editorial justifying it is widely quoted.

A typical example of the soundness of this procedure is furnished by the extreme nervousness exhibited by German cities, even Berlin itself, over the steady expansion of the area of operations of the allied bombing planes and the expectation that in the near future the allied supremacy in the air will reach a point where the worst of German apprehensions on that score are sure to be realized.

There is here a fine opportunity for serviceable candor on the part of the allies, especially as the military objectives in Germany marked out for bombing are so numerous and widespread that no really effective measure for their protection is possible.

Maurice Barres leads the way with a hint to the Germans that they have only had the nearest foretaste up to now of what is in store for them. It is no secret here that schemes immense in extent and backed by material that is really inexhaustible have been perfected, as the Germans will learn before long. Meantime the American policy of publicity

## MADISON CO. HAS FIVE SUICIDES IN TWO DAYS

### Mrs. Walter Allen Dies, After Being Shot By Husband—J. Thompson Suicides.

Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Walter Allen, who was shot yesterday by her husband, who fired a double-barreled shotgun charge into her breast, died a few hours afterwards at the city hospital. Allen, after killing his wife, fired the gun, instantly killing himself.

The suicidal route, which has been a terrible one within the past two days in Huntsville and Madison county, was taken up by a negro youth, Joshua Thompson, at Madison last evening. The boy shot himself, dying a little while after the rash act. He refused to work on his father's farm, and after being brought home from a run-away trip, killed himself. This makes the fifth suicide in this county in two days.

## Cocoon Oil Makes A Splendid Shampoo

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain mulished coconut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonsful will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulished coconut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months. —(Adv.)

High School Suits \$1.50

¶ We have prepared especially to equip every boy in this community with his first, second or third long-pant suits. ¶ Sizes 31 to 35. ¶ Best styles and patterns for young men. ¶ All sizes for men and young men in our complete stock. ¶ A big saving assured.



Tenth and Market Streets

# Which Do You Own

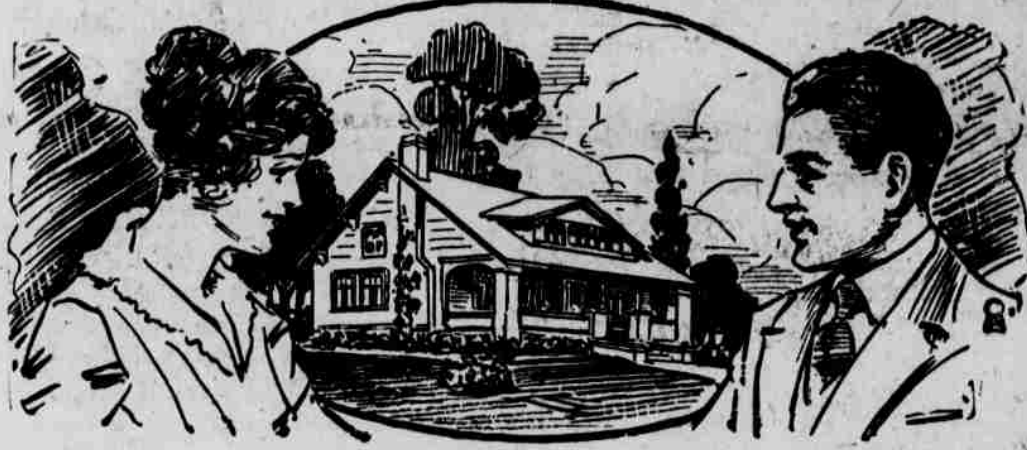
## A Bunch of Rent Receipts

Or

## A Home of Your Own?



A BATCH of RENT RECEIPTS AND NOTHING TO SHOW for the MONEY THEY REPRESENT



OUR HOME, and paid for with money we would have paid out for a rented house.

# THESE PICTURES TELL THE STORY

WHICH do you own—a cozy little place you can call your own, or a wad of rent receipts that have no value—not even worth the paper they're written on?

Are you going to continue to contribute your hard-earned dollars to some Landlord for rent when you can become the proud possessor of a snug little home all paid for with the money that you would pay for a rented house?

Now is the time to plant some of your savings in a home somewhere, and the sooner you do it the better it will be. Desirable homes are getting scarce and the prices are advancing. Rents are also going up.

You cannot be too prompt about doing a good thing. Go tomorrow to any member of the Chattanooga Real Estate Exchange and tell him what you want and the amount you can afford to pay. He will guide you to the very home you're looking for.

It's all in the will to get started and the steadfastness of purpose to see it through. Select the home that suits you and land on it hard. Become your own Landlord.